

VZCZCXRO9863

OO RUEHAO RUEHCD RUEHGA RUEHGD RUEHHA RUEHHO RUEHMC RUEHMT RUEHNG
RUEHNL RUEHRD RUEHRG RUEHRS RUEHTM RUEHVC
DE RUEHTG #1264 3412254
ZNY SSSSS ZZH
O 072254Z DEC 09
FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1278
INFO RUEHWH/WESTERN HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS DIPL POSTS IMMEDIATE
RUEHLI/AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE 0056
RUEHMD/AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE 0535
RUEATRS/DEPT OF TREASURY WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RHEHAAA/THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RHEHAAA/NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEHLMC/MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORP WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE 1271
RHMFISS/CDR JTF-BRAVO IMMEDIATE
RHMFISS/CDR USSOUTHCOM MIAMI FL IMMEDIATE
RHMFISS/CDR USSOUTHCOM MIAMI FL//CINC/POLAD// IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T TEGUCIGALPA 001264

SIPDIS

STATE FOR WHA/CEN

E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/04/2019

TAGS: [PGOV](#) [KDEM](#) [PREL](#) [HO](#)

SUBJECT: TFH01: THE AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT-ELECT LOBO
DISCUSS COSTA RICA TRIP

REF: A. TEGUCIGALPA 1244

[1](#)B. TEGUCIGALPA 1231

[1](#)C. TEGUCIGALPA 1253

Classified By: Ambassador Hugo Llorens, reasons 1.4 (b & d)

[1](#)1. (S) The Ambassador discussed the latest political developments with President-elect Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo on December 7. Lobo confirmed to the Ambassador that he will be traveling to San Jose at the invitation of Costa Rican President Oscar Arias tomorrow, December 8. Lobo said he would be traveling to San Jose accompanied by presidential candidates Elvin Santos (Liberal Party), Bernard Martinez (PINU), and Felicito Avila (Christian Democrats). Lobo said he had also invited Cesar Ham of the Democratic Unification Party (UD) but that Ham had still not confirmed. Lobo said that Ham had indicated that he hoped to have a good "bilateral" working relationship with the incoming president but was not as inclined to work in tandem with the other presidential candidates. Lobo said that the visit to San Jose would include a working lunch and an afternoon meeting.

[1](#)2. (S) Lobo added that this would be a busy week from a diplomatic vantage point. He said he expected Panamanian President Martinelli to visit Tegucigalpa on Wednesday, December 9. Lobo also said that he planned to travel to the Dominican Republic on Thursday, December 10. According to Lobo, he said that he had a scheduled meeting with Dominican President Leonel Fernandez on December 10. Lobo and the Ambassador agreed to meet on December 9, upon his return from San Jose, and discuss needs steps in the effort to ensure that regime leader Roberto Micheletti steps down and that a government of national unity is created to serve a transition role until Lobo's inauguration on January 27, 2010.
LLORENS